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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Jeff Konigsberg for a teaching position in art education. I first became aware of Jeff's great energy and commitment to art teaching when he enrolled in my centers based course in art education at The Massachusetts College of Art. This past year, as a student teacher in my elementary art K-5 classroom in Newton, Massachusetts, he continued to exhibit his unique and inspiring teaching style.

Jeff has an extraordinary ability to reach a wide variety of students and get them excited about both art making and art thinking. He comes with a fine, well grounded background in the history of art as well as a solid base of experience as a sculptor/printmaker. In addition he has worked with great enthusiasm to forge for himself a commitment to learning the skills of art education. However it is his ability to reach students meaningfully that truly stands out among his array of talents. Jeff is totally involved in his teaching and this strength is so palpable that his students recognize in him an honesty that is undeniable. His students know that he is truly "there" for them. In all of my years as a cooperating teacher I have never seen my art students so fully engaged by a student teacher.

As a teacher at the beginning of his career he shows constant growth in grappling with the issues of working in a structured teaching environment while fully demonstrating his strong classroom skills. The students and staff in any school that employs Mr. Konigsberg would greatly profit from his enormous energy, outstanding dedication and honest personality.

Sincerely,

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